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## States

## Embattled Colorado professor:

Settlement talks between the University of Colorado and the professor who compared some Sept. 11 victims to a notorious Nazi broke down Friday after a newspaper reported the teacher had once been accused of plagiarism.

David Lane, attorney for ethnic studies professor Ward Churchill, said the school broke off the talks, which were prompted by Churchill's 2001 essay calling some World Trade Center victims "little Eichmanns," a reference to Adolf Eichmann, who orchestrated the Holocaust.

University regent Michael Carrigan declined to comment on the negotiations but said he had "substantial concern" about a report in Friday's Rocky Mountain News in Denver that Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia had accused Churchill of plagiarizing the work of a professor eight years ago.

**Internet fraud scheme:** The self-acknowledged mastermind behind an international scheme that bilked 15,000 investors of nearly \$60 million was sentenced Friday in Sacramento, Calif., to 10 years in federal prison.

In 1999, Alvin Richard Waage created Tri-West Investment Club, which prosecutors say was an Internet-based Ponzi scheme that used money from new investors to pay older investors from around the world who were guaranteed a high return at no risk.

**Mass. gay marriages:** A 1913 law the state is using to block same-sex marriages by nonresidents should apply only when the couples are from states that expressly forbid the practice, gay-rights advocates said in a brief filed Friday with Massachusetts' highest court.

The law, which bans marriages in Massachusetts if a couple's home state doesn't sanction the union, has been in dispute since the nation's only state-sanctioned same-sex weddings began taking place last May.

**Blake murder trial:** Jurors in the Robert Blake murder trial ended a week of deliberations on Friday without reaching a verdict. The panel was ordered to resume deliberations Monday in Los Angeles. Jurors have been discussing the case since March 4, when closing arguments concluded.

On Wednesday, jurors reviewed testimony by three people at the restaurant where the actor and his wife had dinner before he was shot and killed in May 2001.

Blake, 71, is accused of killing Bonny Lee Bakley, 44, who was shot in his car near the restaurant.

**Md. newspaper court fight:** Maryland's biggest newspaper said Friday it will take its First Amendment fight with Gov. Robert Ehrlich to a federal appeals court next week unless the two sides can reach a settlement.

The (Baltimore) Sun has until Wednesday to appeal a Feb. 14 federal court ruling that dismissed the paper's lawsuit challenging an Ehrlich order that barred state employees from talking to two Sun writers.

Neither side seemed conciliatory at a newspaper industry meeting in Pikesville, where Paul E. Schurick, chief spokesman for the first-term Republican governor, all but accused The Sun of printing biased news stories.

**Muslim prayer dispute:** Thirty Muslims walked off the job at a Dell Inc. plant in Nashville, Tenn., after alleging the company refused to let them pray at sunset — the latest dispute over prayer between an American business and its Islamic employees.

The Muslim workers, who were packaging Dell computers through a temporary labor agency, are taking the dispute to mediation, both sides said Friday.

**Death of casino heir:** A former stripper and her lover were each sentenced Friday to one to five years in prison for stealing a fortune in silver after the mysterious death of a wealthy Nevada casino heir.

Sandy Murphy, 32, and Rick Tabish, 39, were acquitted in November of murdering Ted Binion, son of legendary casino owner Benny Binion.

However, the two were found guilty of conspiracy, burglary and grand larceny relating to the theft of \$7 million in silver that Binion had buried in the southern Nevada desert.

## War on terrorism

**Shooting deaths of Iraqis:** A Marine accused of premeditated murder in the shooting deaths of two suspected Iraqi insurgents will have an Article 32 hearing April 25 at Camp Lejeune, his lawyer said.

2nd Lt. Ilario Pantano, 33, allegedly shot the unarmed men in the back last April 15 as they tried to drive away from a house in Mahmudiyah, Iraq, that the Marines had been ordered to search.

**Sept. 11 detainee tapes:** More than 140 previously undisclosed videotapes of Sept. 11 detainees at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn recently were discovered and turned over to authorities probing physical and verbal abuses at the jail, a federal report and attorneys for the detainees said Friday.

Justice Department officials are still reviewing the 143 tapes, which include instances in which detention center staff recorded video and audio of detainees meeting with their attorneys, a violation of the law, the report and the attorneys said.

## Military

**Navy ship construction:** A General Accounting Office study cites problems by the Navy in budgeting for ship construction that could affect Maine and Mississippi shipyards that are in line to build the Navy's next-generation destroyer.

The new report by the investigative arm of Congress found that cost overruns could hinder efforts to modernize the fleet as money for new ships is earmarked to pay for vessels approved years earlier.

## Business

**Enron case:** Government regulators handed a major victory to western utilities and cities trying to get out of exorbitant contracts they made with disgraced energy giant Enron Corp. during the power crisis of 2000-01.

In a six-page order issued Friday evening, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission determined that Enron was engaging in illegal activity at the time it entered in the contracts. It was the first time the commission acknowledged that the contracts were signed under fraudulent pretenses.

The regulatory agency said a hearing should be held to determine whether Enron can collect profits it would have received had those contracts been fulfilled.

## World

**Syrian troops in Lebanon:** President Bashar Assad reiterated his commitment to withdrawing all Syrian troops and intelligence agents from Lebanon, a U.N. envoy said Saturday, adding he would present a timetable for the pullout at the United Nations next week.

U.N. envoy Terje Roed-Larsen did not give any details after meeting with Assad in the northern city of Aleppo but indicated he had received a timetable for the pullout.

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# 374th Medical Group recognized

By T.D. FLACK  
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Twelve 374th Medical Group personnel recently were recognized for their outstanding work after being named 2004 Pacific Air Forces Air Force Medical Service Award winners.

In addition, the group also earned the title of Best Health Promotions Program of the Year for the "small base" category.

Col. Mark Presson, medical group commander, said the awards "testify to the high caliber" of his 500-member staff, which includes American and Japanese civilian employees. He said this year's award winners ranged from airmen to officers, nurses to surgeons — whom he called "outstanding people throughout the group."

Presson said many factors — not just work performance — are considered when picking winners and he likes to think of it as part of the "total person" concept.

The winners provide not just technical job expertise, but they also provide "leadership roles in the community," Presson said.

He said those who strive for advanced education, who speak at symposia or have their research published also rise to the top.

Maj. Jose E. Barrera is an example.

Barrera earned two PACAF awards, for surgical excellence and outstanding achievement in clinical research. He also recently

## 2004 Pacific Air Forces Air Force Medical Service Award winners

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Maj. Jose E. Barrera

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learned that he won an Air Force-wide Arthur P. Fleming Award, which recognizes outstanding contribution in scientific research to the federal government.

The 33-year-old Denver native said he has had 25 research articles on molecular genetic research in head and neck cancer published in peer-reviewed medi-

cal journals, which are available to the international medical community.

He said he's trying to "bridge the gap from success to 'bridge the gap' ... meaning that I want to pursue excellence in everything I do with the idea of making a lasting significance."

"I felt very blessed ... that the Air Force would recognize these efforts," he said. As for the group's success this year, Barrera said, "I think it just emphasizes that we have a bright and dedicated team of providers and technicians who are world-class."

He also thanked his command for supporting the staff.

"If they didn't believe we could achieve these things, then we couldn't ever go for them," he said.

Presson said his philosophy is to encourage everyone to strive for award-winning performance. But he also said those honored with the awards couldn't do it without the rest of their coworkers.

"It's all about the team," he said.

The PACAF award winners now will compete in Air Force-wide competitions. Presson "remains optimistic" about how they will fare worldwide against the 35,000-strong Air Force medical staff.

Col. Steve Shaffer, medical group director of Organizational Compliance, said those who win at the Air Force level earn Air Force Individual Recognition Ribbons.

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## Airlift Wing training

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The 374th Airlift Wing is testing how well it can operate under simulated attack during an operational readiness exercise that began over the weekend, according to a base news report.

The ORE "will focus on efficiently and effectively producing flying missions and following survival guidelines in a chemical environment," Maj. Clarence Lukes, the Inspector General office's chief of inspections and exercises, was quoted as saying in the report.

Airmen were advised to leave for work 15 to 30 minutes earlier during the week to ensure they had time to make a required stop at an "information center" where they will be updated on simulated chemical conditions, alarms and other exercise information.

Base residents also are reminded that the exercise will affect services at the 374th Medical Group hospital and at various 374th Mission Support Squadron personnel offices throughout the week.

## Pancho Villa closed

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Pancho Villa, Yokota's contracted Mexican food restaurant, closed March 9, according to 374th Services Division officials.

The 374th Services Division regrets the loss of this restaurant and will be actively looking for a replacement contracted Mexican food services written statement. Yokota's Pancho Villa opened in 2003.

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# Siblings' bonds stronger during war

BY SANDRA JONTZ  
Stars and Stripes

Two hundred forty one died that day.

Oct. 23, 1983. Among them, a feisty 20-year-old Marine who, given the chance to live and marry, "would have had a slew of children. I'm convinced of it," said his sister, Deborah Knipple Peterson.

Peterson, who was 28 when Cpl. Jim Knipple was killed in the bombing of the U.S. Marine Corps barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, grieved along with fathers, mothers, spouses and children.

But at the time, there were no "siblings only" groups who might have helped her grieve and heal with a perspective only siblings could know, she said.

Might have things been different? She wonders.

Today, with America's young troops at war, many friends and family left behind at home have started groups and programs and efforts to make life better — be it for themselves or for the troops in the combat zones.

Peterson, who teamed with a former Marine to give grieving siblings a peer group of their own, is among them.

Here are a few of the stories.

## A league of their own

Modeling a program after the American Gold Star Mothers, especially popular during the World War II era, Marine veteran Bill Kibler launched the Web site [www.GoldStarSiblings.com](http://www.GoldStarSiblings.com) to give brothers and sisters of servicemen killed in combat a venue in which to connect with each other.

"Mothers have other children and there's nothing really for those children," said Kibler, 41, who served in Beirut in 1982-83 but was not there during the bombing. "Even fathers are feeling left out."

He has had a number of hits on the Web site, but no one yet willing to "take the plunge" to post their thoughts, their feelings, their words.

"I'm getting 30 and 40 hits a week since it started two months ago, but not getting a lot of input," Kibler said. "But I'm not discouraged."

He turned to Peterson to be one of the first to post a tribute to her brother.

Peterson said she's happy to oblige.

"Twenty years later, I don't want people to forget Jim," she said. "I don't want people to forget he was a human, with dreams



Courtesy to Stars and Stripes

**Pfc. Kara Underwood gives her sister Kate a hug. Kate, who promised to keep her big sister supplied in toiletries and goodies while in Iraq, went a step further and created a program in her hometown of Birdsboro, Pa., that raises money and ships donated items to her sister's fellow troops in Mosul.**

and aspirations that were taken away from him. He's a hero."

## It's all in the wrist

Whether he's a patriot first or a businessman first matters not to Steve Cloward.

He just wants folks to buy his plastic wristbands, similar to the yellow ones made popular by cyclist Lance Armstrong in support of cancer research.

The bands publicly show support for troops fighting in the Middle East, he said, and financially support their families back home.

In October, Cloward began selling the plastic red, white, blue, camouflage and red-white-blue marbled wristbands to anyone who would shell out \$1, with proceeds going to the Armed Forces Relief Trust, an organization run by volunteers who are former military and designed to help troops and families in time of need and emergencies.

To date, his organization, Bands for Freedom, has donated \$100,000 to AFRT.

"I picked AFRT because I felt it was the best way to help servicemen and women and their families, and the main reason was because 100 cents on the dollar we give them passes on to the troops, with nothing pulled out" to cover expenses such as administrative costs, he said.

A majority of the colored bands sell through the Web site, [www.bandsforfreedom.com](http://www.bandsforfreedom.com).

## A STAR(S) is born

When Kate Underwood's sister, who happens to double as her best friend, was shipped off to Iraq in August, the 18-year-old high school student promised to

periodically send Pfc. Kara Underwood goodies and toiletries.

She figured fellow soldiers would need the same care and attention.

So in September, Kate and four friends started raising money and collecting goods to ship to Mosul, Iraq, where Kara Underwood is serving.

The program grew, and today about 100 students and some 50 teachers from Daniel Boone Middle and High schools in Birdsboro, Pa., contribute to Kate's program she calls STARS, Stand Together and Raise Support.

Collection boxes scattered throughout the small town, about 20 minutes southeast of Reading, Pa., are filled weekly with items troops need and want while serving in Iraq.

Her Web site, [http://www.dboone.k12.pa.us/HS\\_Student\\_Work/stars/index.htm](http://www.dboone.k12.pa.us/HS_Student_Work/stars/index.htm), contains a wish list of items.

"She's my best friend, and [the separation] has been really hard for me," Kate said. "She's my sister, so she has to be proud of me, no matter what I do. But I think with STARS, it really just makes her proud."

The program will continue "as long as we have troops over there," said the graduating senior.

Her departure from the school this summer won't mean an end to the program. She has already picked successors.

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# Iran says it will pursue nuclear program

BY NASSER KARIMI  
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Neither threats nor incentives will alter Iran's pursuit of its nuclear program, the Iranian foreign ministry said Saturday, defying new moves by the European Union and the United States to ensure Tehran never develops a nuclear bomb.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi rejected overtures from the West, saying he would not be influenced by external pressure. Iran maintains its nuclear program is solely for the peaceful pursuit of nuclear energy.

"Iran is determined to use peaceful nuclear technology and no pressure, incentive or

## U.S. threats, policy shifts unsuccessful

threat can force Iran to give up its rights," state-run radio quoted Asefi as saying.

The show of bluster and defiance came a day after the Bush administration softened its stance on how to thwart Iran's suspected nuclear arms program, agreeing to support a European plan that offers economic incentives for the Tehran government to give up any weapons ambitions.

Washington also agreed to drop its opposition to Iran's membership of the World Trade Organization and allow some sale of spare parts for civilian aircraft. But Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice signaled that Iran should move quickly or face the

threat of harsh United Nations Security Council sanctions.

Asefi rejected Washington's move.

"Lifting some restrictions against Iran will not stop Iran from pursuing its rights," Asefi said.

Washington has accused Tehran of using its civilian nuclear program as a cover to build a nuclear bomb and previously had insisted Iran deserves no reward for simply abiding by an international arms compact that forbids nuclear weapons development.

Iran suspended its uranium enrichment activities last year to create confidence in its negotiations and avoid Security Council

referral. But Tehran says maintaining the voluntary freeze depends on progress in ongoing talks with Britain, Germany and France, who are negotiating on behalf of the European Union. The Europeans want to get an Iranian commitment to scrap enrichment plans in exchange for economic aid, technical support and backing for Tehran's efforts to join mainstream international organizations.

Russia, meanwhile, welcomed the softening of the U.S. stance.

Russia hopes U.S. actions will conform with "the line that both Russia and Western European countries are pursuing in efforts to remove all questions relating to the character of Iran's nuclear program on the basis of cooperation," Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Yakovenko said.



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## Social Security battle

WASHINGTON — President Bush and Democrats took their differences over Social Security to the airwaves on Saturday, with Bush complaining about "scare ads" denouncing his proposal as a "risky privatization scheme."

"Postponing reform will leave our children with drastic and unpleasant choices: huge tax increases that will kill jobs, massive new borrowing or sudden, painful cuts in Social Security benefits or other programs," Bush said in his weekly radio address.

In the Democratic broadcast an hour later, James Roosevelt Jr., a grandson of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and former Social Security official — accused Bush of breaking a long tradition of bipartisan support for the retirement program.

## DeLay's \$70,000 trip

WASHINGTON — House Majority Leader Tom DeLay traveled to Britain with his wife, several aides and lobbyists on a \$70,000 junket mostly paid for with money from an Indian tribe and a gambling services company. The Washington Post reported Saturday.

Not long after the outing, Rep. DeLay, the second most powerful legislator in the House of Representatives, played a key role in killing gaming-related legislation opposed by the company and tribe.

DeLay

## Rice not ruling out run

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who has been mentioned as a possible Republican presidential candidate in 2008, denies having any such ambitions now.

During a discussion with editors and reporters at The Washington Times, Rice was asked, "Would you consider running for president in 2008?"

"I have never wanted to run for anything," Rice said in the interview published Saturday. "I don't think I even ran for class anything when I was in school."

Rice

## Helping U.S. image

WASHINGTON — President Bush will nominate one of his closest longtime advisers to a key State Department post in an effort to help repair the United States' image abroad, especially in the Arab world, a senior administration official said Saturday.

The official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said the announcement that Bush has selected Karen Hughes to be undersecretary of state for public diplomacy and public affairs will be made early this week.

From The Associated Press



WSB-TV/AP

In this image from video, Brian Nichols, the suspect in the shooting of Superior Court Judge Rowland Barnes, his clerk and a Fulton County Deputy, is escorted by FBI agents into a building.

# Shooting suspect nabbed

## Manhunt ends with accused gunman in Atlanta courthouse slayings possibly linked to 4th death

By RUSS BYNUM  
The Associated Press

DULUTH, Ga. — A 911 call from a woman who had been held hostage for hours in her own apartment ended a daylong manhunt for a rape suspect accused of shooting a judge and two others at a courthouse and then later killing an immigration agent as he eluded authorities.

The suspect, 33-year-old Brian Nichols, set off a massive manhunt in the Atlanta area after he allegedly overpowered a court deputy Friday, took her gun and fatally shot three people, including the judge, on his rape case.

During the night, Nichols approached a woman as she was entering her suburban Atlanta apartment and introduced himself as a wanted man, authorities said.

"It's my understanding that he had told her, 'If you do what I say, I won't kill you,'" Georgia Bureau of Investigation Director Vernon Keenan said.

The woman either escaped or

was allowed to leave and called 911.

A SWAT team gathered outside and Nichols turned himself in after watching the manhunt on television, Gwinnett County Police Chief Charles Walters said.

"He literally waved a white flag or a T-shirt and came out to our folks," Walters said.

The arrest came hours after the body of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agent David Wilhelm was discovered shot to death about 15 miles away in an upscale townhouse complex. His blue pickup truck, pistol and badge were missing.

FBI Spokesman Steve Lazarus said Nichols is a suspect in that shooting, and police said the wound was found at a location other than the complex where Nichols was arrested, but did not elaborate.

Nichols was taken into federal custody.

Deputy Cynthia Hall was alone when she escorted Nichols to his retreat on rape and other charges

Friday. Nichols allegedly overpowered Hall, took her gun and shot her in the head. She remained in critical condition Saturday, but hospital officials said she was expected to survive.

Nichols then went to the courtroom where his case was being heard and allegedly killed the judge presiding over the case and a court reporter. As he escaped the courthouse, he fatally shot a deputy who confronted him, officials said.

Atlanta Journal-Constitution reporter John O'Brian was getting out of his car when Nichols allegedly pulled a gun, demanded his keys and told him to get in the truck. O'Brian refused and started to run.

Throughout Friday, police said they were looking for the reporter's green Honda Accord. But the car was found later that night in the same parking garage where Nichols stole it.

Police said Nichols attempted more hijackings, and it was suspected that Nichols had stolen an other vehicle from the same parking garage.

## Monitoring networks

WASHINGTON — The nation's electronic intelligence agency warned President Bush in 2001 that monitoring U.S. adversaries would require a "permanent presence" on networks that also carry Americans' messages that are protected from government eavesdropping.

The warning was contained in a National Security Agency report entitled "Transition 2001," sent to Bush shortly after he took office and reflects the agency's major concerns at the time.

The report was obtained under the Freedom of Information Act by the National Security Archive, a private security watchdog group at George Washington University that made the document public Friday.

## Griffin new NASA chief

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Friday announced his choice of NASA's Hopkins University physicist Michael D. Griffin, a strong advocate of both robotic and manned space exploration, to become the new head of NASA.

Griffin, currently head of John Hopkins' Applied Physics Laboratory, is replacing Sen. O'Keefe, who led the space agency through three tumultuous years that included the troubled Mars rover missions, but also the Columbia space shuttle disaster.

Griffin

## Sarbanes not running

BALTIMORE — Paul S. Sarbanes, the low-key liberal Democrat who became Maryland's longest-serving U.S. senator, announced Friday that he would not

seek re-election when his fifth term expires in 2006 — a declaration that jolts local politics and sets up a scramble for the state's first open Senate seat in two decades.

Sarbanes

Sarbanes, 72, said his decision to give up his seat was not based on his frustration with the growing ideological divide in Congress or on any health problems, but on his age.

## JFK's surgeon dies

DALLAS — Dr. Charles R. Baxter, one of the doctors who tried to save President John F. Kennedy after he was shot in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, has died. He was 75.

The surgeon died Thursday of pneumonia.

Baxter was a 34-year-old assistant professor of the Dallas medical school and director of the emergency room at Parkland Memorial Hospital when Kennedy was brought to the hospital.

From wire reports

## Panel to examine Iowa, N.H. primary roles

By WILL LESTER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Iowa and New Hampshire, combined, have 4.2 million people — just 1.5 percent of the U.S. population. Yet Democratic presidential candidates spent months and millions of dollars in those two states before the Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary in 2004, the first events in the long march to the party nomination.

Does it make sense to spend so much time and money to reach such a small fraction of the electorate? Should other states get a chance to hold the first contests in an election cycle? A Democratic commission is examining those questions this weekend in Washington.

Iowa and New Hampshire have outmaneuvered critics to hold their leadoff positions during the last quarter-century. Other states have demonstrated increasing frustration by crowding closer to the start of the calendar.

In 1976, Jimmy Carter used the Iowa caucuses as

a launching pad for his underdog candidacy and followed with a win in New Hampshire. In 2004, John Kerry delivered a one-two punch to onetime front-runner Howard Dean with victories in both states.

Both states have defended their role by emphasizing the importance of retail politics — door-to-door, face-to-face campaigning — in small states.

Critics complain the current system is unfair and note that Iowa and New Hampshire have little racial diversity.

"An awful lot of states believe they engage in retail politics," Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, one of the current system's vocal critics, told the commission. "Different states with different interests have people who feel left out. Should we always have the same two states with a disproportionate impact?"

The commission plans to work on the primary calendar throughout 2005. Some members acknowledge making widespread changes could be difficult because they can require legislative action in some states. Also, the national Democratic Party has little power to force states to follow its calendar rules.





Photographer Tom Altany bites down on a Twinkie snack cake Friday while posing in front of the photograph he made using snack cakes in a rendition of "The Last Supper" for an art show at Point Park University in Pittsburgh.

## Twinkies get artistic spin

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — A child plucks a Twinkie from a tree, as if it grew there.

Another Twinkie stands in for Jesus in a re-imagining of Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper."

Such are the interpretations of the snack by members of the American Society of Media Photographers' Pittsburgh chapter. For its annual object show, held at Point Park University this year, the group selects one object

that members must incorporate in their creations. Past items have included an umbrella, a baseball and a piece of wire.

So why the famous cream-filled yellow cake? "Twinkies are fun," said Tom Altany, chairman of the exhibition committee.

Altany, who admits he's not very religious, entered "The Last Supper," in which baby dolls with their heads replaced by snack cakes sit at a long table. Jesus is the only Twinkie.

# Golden Gate suicide barrier?

Officials want to stop jumpers but keep beauty of span

By TERENCE CHEN

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Golden Gate Bridge officials ordered studies for a suicide barrier Friday, leaving engineers with the difficult task of designing a structure that can stop bridge jumpers without marring the world-famous span.

The board of directors of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District approved a committee's decision last month to develop a design, conduct environmental reviews and seek funding to build the suicide deterrent.

Since the bridge was built in 1937, an estimated 1,300 people have taken the deadly 220-foot plunge from what many consider the world's leading site for suicides. An average of 20 people pitch themselves over the 4½-foot-tall rail each year.



Tourists Phil Howard, left, Dorothy Dove, center, and Richard Alvarez take in a view from the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco on Friday. Golden Gate Bridge officials gave final approval Friday to begin studies for a suicide barrier on the bridge.

Golden Gate directors expressed concern about how the district would pay for the project. The cash-strapped agency already is considering raising bridge tolls from \$5 to \$6 to close a \$70 million budget shortfall.

The district plans to look for

outside money to pay for the studies, which are expected to cost about \$2 million and take about two years, said spokeswoman Mary Currie.

Building the barrier itself is estimated to cost between \$15 million and \$25 million.

## Lottery winner faces wrongful death suit

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The father of a young man who died of a drug overdose at Powerball winner Jack Whittaker's home filed a wrongful death lawsuit Friday alleging Whittaker did not exercise enough control over his late granddaughter, whom the

lawsuit blames for the boy's death.

Authorities found the body of Jesse Tribble, an 18-year-old friend of Whittaker's granddaughter Brandi Bragg, at the millionaire businessman's home Sept. 17.

The lawsuit filed by his father, Jimmy Tribble, alleges that Bragg used drugs with Jesse Tribble.

Bragg was with Tribble until he passed out on a bed. Instead of seeking medical help, she left him there "when she knew he was severely intoxicated and ill from the use of illegal drugs," the lawsuit alleges.

The lawsuit says that after Whittaker won the largest undivided lottery prize in history, he lavished Bragg with money.

## Trump woos dumped Miss America contestant

The Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — He's a reality TV star, a billionaire and he knows a thing or two about beautiful women — between the

ones he's married and the beauty pageants he already owns.

Who better to rescue a damsel in distress than Donald Trump?

Trump has approached the Miss America Organization about buying the pageant, which is fighting for survival after being dumped by ABC due to declining ratings.

"I've talked to them, but I have not made an offer," said Trump, an owner of the Miss Universe and Miss USA pageants. "It's tough: The networks don't want to put it on, and I'd like to do whatever I can to help them out."

If he bought Miss America, he would keep it in Atlantic City but make it more watchable, Trump said. When asked how, he wouldn't say, except to say he would maintain the "integrity" of the contest.

Pageant officials, meanwhile, were playing it close to the sash Friday.

"We are flattered that Donald Trump wanted to join the Miss America Organization, the longest-running pageant in history," said CEO Art McMaster. "We are currently exploring all of our opportunities."

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## Hip-hop diva testifies at perjury trial

Enduring a tenacious cross-examination at her perjury trial in New York, tiny hip-hop diva Lil' Kim insisted on Friday that she never meant to mislead a grand jury with her eyewitness account of a 2001 gunfight.

"This was a very serious situation," Lil' Kim testified. "I could not come into a grand jury and purposely tell false statements and lie."

**Lil' Kim** — confronted by prosecutor Cathy Seibel with evidence she owes nearly \$1 million in back taxes — told jurors she leaves decisions about her finances to her manager and accountant.





# MONDAY EVENING / MARCH 14, 2005

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6	AFN-P HSPNews	Pacific Report	60 Minutes (CC)	Without a Trace "Wannabe" A missing boy's body is found in a school hallway.	ER "Damaged" Dr. Carter slips into a dangerous and lonely dependency.	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Later Show With David Letterman (CC)			
7	AFN-AT Sally and Bears	Caution on Business (CC)	Forbes (CC)	Cashin' In (CC)	Dateline NBC (CC)	Animal Morning					
8	SPORTS NBA Sports	NBA Finals Late Night	SportsCenter								
9	SPEC The Simpsons Lisa becomes a	Everybody Loves Raymond Therapy sessions (CC)	The Dead Zone "Instinct" Johnny investigates animal behavior. (CC)	Monster House A Hollywood couple's S-movie bungles between a home and Ocean Potential.	Friends Rachel calls doctor notes stop. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry buys his parents a Cadillac. (CC)	Seinfeld Kramer suffers a cardiac. (CC)	Blind Date (CC)			
10	AFN-HM Fairly OddParents	Rugrats (CC)	Lizzie McGuire	Brothers Garcia	Smallville "Lineage" (CC)	Boy Meets World "Boy Meets World"	The Cosby Show	Home Improvements	Seinfeld Kramer suffers a cardiac. (CC)	Blind Date (CC)	
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## OPINION

## Painful truth is, Bush's declaration untrue

Los Angeles Times

President Bush declared in his State of the Union address, "Torture is never acceptable, nor do we hand over people to countries that do torture." Considering what's come to light since then, the most charitable conclusion is that Bush is completely out of the loop.

In recent weeks, past and present administration officials have confirmed that since September 2001 the Central Intelligence Agency has dispatched between 100 and 150 foreign suspects to countries where fine points of law and human rights don't stop beatings, drugging or long isolation.

Before the Sept. 11 attacks, the CIA occasionally engaged in this indefensible practice, known as "extraordinary rendition." But afterward, Bush gave the agency wider license to export prisoners in terror-related cases who hadn't been tried or even charged with any crime. Despite his State of the Union declaration, the president apparently has not revoked that authority.

U.S. law and international conventions bar sending prisoners to another nation unless there are strong assurances of humane treatment.

The CIA says with a straight face that it gets those assurances before delivering suspects to jailers in Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Pakistan — countries that have such abysmal human rights

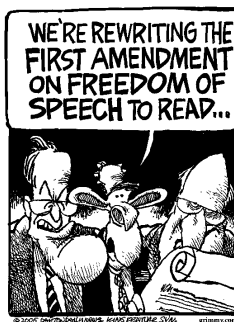
records that promises of decent treatment are a joke.

Bush has argued that tough new rules of engagement are necessary to fight stateless terrorists. But morality aside, what intelligence of value have U.S. officials gleaned from suspects who've been handed off to modern-day dungeons?

A case in point: In 2002, federal agents arrested Maher Arar, a Syrian-born Canadian engineer, at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York because his name appeared on a terrorist watch list. Although Arar insisted that he was not a terrorist, the United States delivered him to Syrian interrogators. After months in a windowless room and regular beatings with thick electric cables, he said, he confessed to everything they wanted just to stop the torment. A year later, Arar was released without any charges.

This barbarism is why U.S. judges have refused to condone the indefinite detention of terrorism suspects. Yet the military still holds about 500 foreign nationals at the U.S. base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Most have not been charged and have no lawyer, often after years in custody.

Two American citizens have been held in military brig. The evidence against U.S.-born Yaser Esam Hamdi was so flimsy that last year federal agents packed him off to his family in Saudi Arabia rather than present their case in court. This month, a federal judge ordered the administration to charge the second, Jose Padilla,



or release him within 45 days. Government lawyers say interrogations produced a lot about Padilla's activities, including his relationship with al-Qaida leaders and his plans to blow up high-rise buildings.

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said last week he may still prosecute him. But because most of Padilla's disclosures occurred while he was in military custody,

without access to a lawyer, it's doubtful his statements would be admissible in court.

These are only the practical issues. The more haunting problem with Bush's war on terrorism remains the moral one: A nation that considers itself a beacon of freedom seems unable to practice the respect for law and human rights it ardently preaches to others.

## Contra-indicated: Ortega again in Nicaragua mix

If you think the Bush administration has enough trouble in Latin America dealing with leftist autocrats in Cuba and Venezuela, consider this: A radical former revolutionary leader may be making a comeback in Nicaragua.

Andres Oppenheimer



Daniel Ortega, the former Sandinista president who after the 1979 revolution relinquished the mansion of a wealthy businessman in the name of social justice and immediately moved in, recently crushed a massive movement within his party to hold primary elections, and had himself declared presidential candidate for the November 2006 elections.

In Washington, Latin America watchers aren't amused: Ortega — in a rare power-sharing alliance with rightist former President Arnoldo Aleman, who is facing charges of illicit enrichment — already controls the Supreme Court, the electoral tribunal, the Comptroller's General office and Congress.

Although his negative ratings in Nicaragua are sky-high and his well-organized Sandinista party has historically had a hard time reaching out beyond its 35 percent hard-core support, Ortega could conceivably win next year's elections.

"Right now, he is in a very strong position," a senior U.S. official told me last week. "All he has to do is run against a divided field, and he is in."

Unlike the leftist presidents of Brazil, Uruguay and Chile, Ortega has shifted back to his radical 1980s rhetoric, and to what many describe as vintage Stalinist practices.

Last late month, Ortega staged an inter-

national coup within his party, and expelled popular former Managua Mayor Daniel Lewites, who was mounting a challenge to win the party's presidential nomination.

Lewites, who was tourism minister during the Sandinista regime in the 1980s and was elected Managua mayor in 2000, is the country's most popular politician.

A recent poll by Borge y Asociados shows that Lewites would win a general election with 40 percent of the vote. Among Sandinista sympathizers, he gets 75 percent of the vote, with 18 percent for Ortega.

Lewites called for a massive Sandinista rally March 6 to protest Ortega's internal coup, but Ortega had a sympathetic court deny him a permit to hold the demonstration. Lewites is challenging the Sandinista expulsion order, and has accused Ortega's gun squads of trying to kill him in a March 3 incident in front of a court where he was summoned to appear.

When I called Lewites last week, I got a message on his cellphone saying, "This is

your future president." In an interview later that day, he said his troubles with Ortega started recently, "when Daniel [Ortega] saw that the public squares didn't belong to him anymore, after our massive (pro-Lewites) rallies in late February."

Ortega compared the popular ex-mayor with former Presidents Mikhail Gorbachev and Boris Yeltsin, who Ortega said had committed "crimes against humanity" by destroying the Soviet Union. Lewites countered by charging that Ortega's hard-line backers had recently sold properties and made other business transactions worth more than \$3.8 million.

"Where did they get that kind of money from?" Lewites asked.

"Facing these accusations, and knowing that I could prove them, they decided to shut up, and expel me from the party."

"This is a fight between an ultra-radical orthodox wing of the party, and a democratic wing," Lewites says. "We're not denying that we will be a leftist government. But it will be a leftist government a la [Chilean

President Ricardo] Lagos, or [Brazilian President Luiz Inacio] Lula da Silva."

Ortega is paying a price for his refusal to hold primary elections. Top Sandinista leaders are now backing Lewites.

"This is the most serious challenge Ortega has ever faced within his party," says Carlos Fernando Chamorro, a former Sandinista newspaper editor who publishes Confidential, a political newsletter.

Still, Ortega's ruthless tactics may pay off. While Lewites is ahead in the polls, it's doubtful he could run a successful independent candidacy without the 500,000-member Sandinista party machinery.

My conclusion: If the conservative parties are stupid enough — or corrupt enough — to field several candidates, Ortega could win. Nicaragua's democracy is already being kidnapped by a rightist-leftist alliance of mafiosi, and the Bush administration could soon have a major new headache in the region.

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## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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## Fumigation overload

**CT** STAMFORD — Several tenants had to stay in a temporary shelter and a hotel because of a landlord's attempt to fumigate a 10-family home.

The landlord apparently touched off 40 cans of the cockroach fumigate at the same time.

"One can is plenty," Dr. Johnnie Lee, the city's health director, who spent much of the day setting up a temporary shelter for tenants.

The incident forced about a dozen of the building's 50 tenants to spend the day across the street at the International School at Rogers Magnet School, health and fire officials said.

## Drought emergency

**WA** OLYMPIA — Gov. Christine Gregoire declared a statewide drought emergency, anticipating what weather forecasters predict will be the Pacific Northwest's worst dry spell in nearly three decades.

Gregoire made her announcement before an audience of farmers in the already arid Yakima Valley. The last statewide drought emergency was declared by Gov. Gary Locke in 2001.

In the declaration, Gregoire creates an interstate agency to coordinate the government's response, calls for \$8.2 million more in drought-related state appropriations and orders the National Guard to prepare to combat wildfires this summer.

## Movie bill fails

**CT** HARTFORD — The state General Law Committee decided not to vote on a bill that would have forced theaters to print the start times of both the previews and the movie. State Rep. Andrew Fleischmann said he heard from dozens of moviegoers who support the bill. He plans to reintroduce the measure next year.

## Alcoholism drug tested

**AK** JUNEAU — Yale University researchers are working with health officials in southeast Alaska on a study of how to treat alcoholism with the drug naltrexone. Naltrexone blocks the effects of drugs in the blood that includes morphine and heroin.

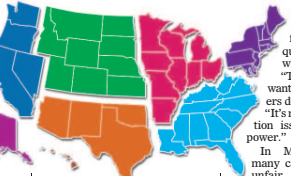
Researchers have found naltrexone can also treat the effects of alcoholism.

## Baseball subway service

**DC** WASHINGTON — The city's subway system is adding \$1.2 million to its fiscal 2005 budget to cover extra service during the Washington Nationals debut season. But if a game ends after the subway closes, transit officials said, the baseball team would have to pay the extra cost to keep Metro open. So far, Metro doesn't have an agreement with the Nationals.

## Buses go with ethanol

**NE** LINCOLN — The public buses in Nebraska's capital will be the first in the United



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States fueled with an ethanol diesel blend, known as O2Diesel, Mayor Coleen Seng said. About three-fourths of the fleet has already converted to the blend.

Ethanol is big business in Nebraska, with 25 percent of the current corn crop being used to produce the fuel.

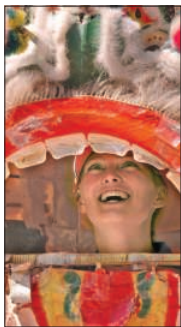
## Redrawing district lines

**GA** ATLANTA — The state House approved a new set of congressional districts, rearranging the 13 districts passed in 2001 when Democrats ran state government. If approved by the Senate and Gov. Sonny Perdue, the new districts could be in place by the 2006 elections. Georgia has seven Republicans and six Democrats in the U.S. House.

## Hair-braiding tangle

**MS** JACKSON — To hear one side tell it, African hair braiding is an art passed down through generations, a form of expression that shouldn't be hampered by bureaucratic licensing. The other side argues the practice needs to be regulated so braiders will learn to prevent the spread of scalp diseases.

Now, state lawmakers across the United States are trying to untangle the issue.



## Dragon dance

Cynthia Worthington, 18, a freshman from Piedmont, S.C., smiles as she gets a first-time look from inside a dragon dance costume at the first Clemson University Asian New Year Celebration at the Outdoor Theater in Clemson, S.C.

Tennessee state Sen. Steve Cohen filed a bill at the request of a constituent who brails.

"The cosmetologists want to keep the hair braiders down," Cohen charged. "It's not a health and sanitation issue. It's control. It's power."

In Mississippi, however, many cosmetologists say it's unfair to exempt a small group from licensing.

## Pot charges for teacher

**CA** FRESNO — Christopher Bochín, a substitute teacher, was arrested for allegedly smoking marijuana with students at Fresno High School. Bochín, 22, allegedly asked two students to get the marijuana and drug paraphernalia out of his car before smoking it with several students. He faces felony charges of furnishing marijuana to minors and misdemeanor charges of contributing to the delinquency of minors.

## Rash death charges

**PA** JOHNSTOWN — The mother and grandmother of a toddler who died in December face criminal charges for allegedly neglecting his severe diaper rash, leading to a fatal infection.

Amey Livingston, 27, of Johnstown, was charged with involuntary manslaughter and child endangerment in the Dec. 12 death of her 15-month-old son, Harley. She was charged with a second count of child endangerment because another son, 3-year-old Hunter, also had severe diaper rash, authorities said.

## Miss Hawaiiin court

**HI** HONOLULU — A former Miss Hawaii USA was given a chance to have drug charges against her dropped if she completes a residential drug treatment program and stays out of trouble for five years.

Circuit Judge Richard Perkins granted a request to defer Tiffini Limahai's guilty pleas to charges of possessing crystal methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

Limahai and her husband, John Limahai Jr., were arrested Sept. 14 in a police raid at their Kailua home.

Police said they found about \$1,000 worth of ice, small quantities of rock cocaine and marijuana, and a digital scale in a backpack that Limahai was seen discarding.

City Deputy Prosecutor Marvin Rampey opposed the defense request for deferral and asked that Limahai be sentenced to one year in jail.

## No pies at the polls

**MS** ECRU — Mayoral candidate Ivonne Whitehead stopped giving away tasty treats after being accused of using pies and cakes to influence voters. Whitehead said her baking isn't about politics, it's about "my personal life." The Mississippi attorney general's office told Whitehead she can give away her baked goods only to friends, senior citizens and the sick. She can also bake treats for children's birthday parties.



## Cuban rhythm

Dancers Yandra Martinez, left, and Dennis Bain of the Havana Night Club dance troupe from Cuba, perform in Coral Gables, Fla. The group, made up of more than 50 singers, dancers and musicians, defected to the United States in Las Vegas last November.



## Moosefest promotion

A moose sculpture promoting the upcoming "Moosefest" in Bennington, Vt., stands outside the Vermont Statehouse in Montpelier, Vt.



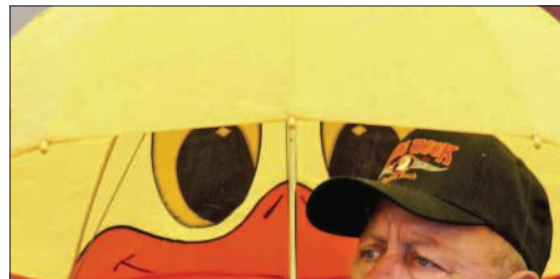
## Surprise, surprise!

Sgt. Andy Peace holds his daughter, Samantha Peace, 3, after surprising her at the United Methodist Children's Learning Center in Houma, La. Sgt. Peace had been in Iraq since July.

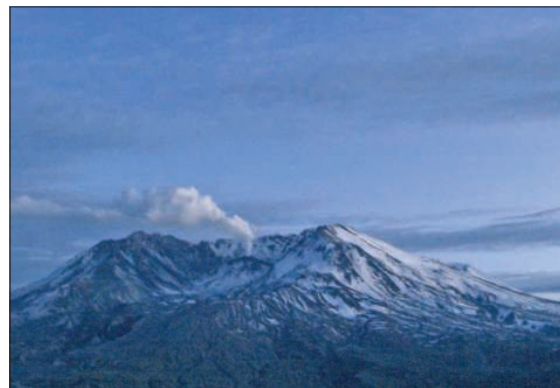




**Feeding time** John Kloor takes time to feed bread to the ducks and geese in Franke Park during a late-winter snow flurry in Fort Wayne, Ind.



**Ducky weather** A biker stands in the pouring rain under the protection of his duck umbrella at the Cabbage Patch in Samsula, Fla.



**Volcanic reaction** Mount St. Helens emits a small, steady cloud of steam at dusk in Washington. Scientists said that there have been no unusual events since a recent steam burst from the volcano sent an ash cloud 36,000 feet in the air.

## Slow to collect her cash

**IN** INDIANAPOLIS — Barbara Lennen took her time being a multimillionaire.

The mother of four carried the winning ticket for a \$19.9-million Powerball jackpot in her wallet for two days after the drawing before checking the numbers.

Lennen, 28, bought the ticket at a convenience store near her Elwood home, but didn't look to see whether she had won until her father-in-law told her Monday night that the store had sold the jackpot winner for Saturday's drawing.

"I checked the Powerball numbers one at a time. I looked at it three times," she said after claiming the jackpot.

Lennen said after seeing that the numbers matched, she told her husband, "Don't get up. Our lives are changing. We just hit the Powerball."

## School paper controversy

**CA** FULLERTON — The American Civil Liberties Union urged a school district to reinstate a high school newspaper editor who was fired for publishing an article about three gay students.

School officials were wrong to remove student Ann Long from her shared post as editor in chief of Troy High School's newspaper in January, the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California said in a letter to the local superintendent.

Long's Dec. 17 article in the Oracle chronicled the decisions of three students — two 18-year-olds and a 15-year-old — to reveal their homosexuality and bisexuality to family and friends. All three spoke to Long knowing their names would be used.

School officials have argued previously that Long needed parental permission before publishing the students' stories.

## Worthless plunder

**OH** FOSTORIA — Thieves broke into an agency that serves the poor and made off with a safe. The only catch — the safe was empty.

"It is really quite comical," said Susan Simpkins, director of the Fostoria Bureau of Concern. "It was very heavy, and they did us a favor by taking it."

She said the agency had wanted to throw out the safe but it was too big to move.

The thieves did manage to grab a small amount of money from the office's petty cash supply, police said.

## DMV-jacking

**NV** NORTH LAS VEGAS — Thieves rammed a vehicle through the back wall of a Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles office and stole 1,700 blank driver's licenses.

"This could be anything from a bunch of juveniles who want to be able to make IDs to buy beer, to major criminal activity or even terrorism," police spokesman Tim Bedwell said.

"We don't know what they took them for."

The theft occurred in a remote industrial area, authorities said. The thieves took blank licenses and laminated covers, a digital license camera, a camera computer and a license printer. DMV spokesman Kevin Malone said.

The equipment would not work without a connection to the DMV's mainframe computer, Malone said. "It would be very, very difficult to break the encryption," he said.

However, the officials said false information could be placed on blank licenses and covered with authentic laminates and holographic seals, making the fake licenses indistinguishable from the real thing.

## Keeping up with traffic

**NY** NEW YORK — Hang on, Snooty.

A mixed poodle who was caught running along the Major Deegan Expressway during rush hour underwent X-rays to make sure he hadn't suffered any serious injuries from his escapades, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said.

Aside from some abrasions and bruises from being hit by a car, the dog "so far seems to be doing great," ASPCA spokeswoman Jo Sullivan said. "It appears that he came out miraculously OK."

## Tuition curveball

**TX** COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M students who load up on classes could get a price break under a new proposal heading to the Board of Regents.

University President Robert Gates has proposed charging a flat rate for tuition, meaning students taking 12 hours or 18 hours would pay the same rate. Students taking 12 or more hours of classes would pay a 15-hour semester credit-hour rate.

Gates said graduating from A&M a semester early would save a student money.

However, Corey Nichols, a member of the university's student senate, said he and other students are opposed to paying for classes they aren't taking.

## Stranded hikers

**TN** GATLINBURG — Park rangers rescued four hikers who had become stranded in snow in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. One had to be airlifted to a hospital.

The sick hiker, Matthew Shultz, was in good condition after he was taken by helicopter to University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville as a precaution. Great Smoky Mountains National Park spokesman Bob Miller said. He had been showing signs of hypothermia, including vomiting and slurred speech.

## Using all resources

**AR** LITTLE ROCK — The old saw about meat-packing houses using everything but the squeal can apparently be applied to poultry as well — everything but the squawk.

Tyson Foods, the world's largest meat producer, is teaming up with a Massachusetts-based company in the hope of making a profit off chicken litter.

Since January 2004, Springfield-based Tyson has been talking with Regenerated Resources LLC, a company located in Framingham, Mass., to convert poultry byproducts into a commercial fertilizer.

Stories and photos from wire services





# Kissing co-worker unprofessional

**Dear Abby:** I am a 69-year-old grandfather with a good sense of humor and am fairly bald. I wear XXL shirts and have a 46-inch tummy, chubby cheeks and an occasional limp.

I still work in an office where the love of my life, my wife of 40 years, is also employed.

My problem is the firm hired a 50ish married woman who likes men. I'll call her "Snuggles." Snuggles wants hugs, gives kisses, and demands the particulars of her fellow employees' lives. I believe this to be innocent on her part, but her brazen behavior really is offensive.

Yesterday was my birthday, and she kissed me twice on the cheek. It was the fourth time in the last two weeks.

And yes, I did tell her no more kisses, but I'll bet that only lasts a week or so. When I got home I washed my face and asked my wife to kiss me so that if I died in

my sleep, my wife would have been the last woman with whom I shared a kiss.

Since Snuggles is a recent hire, I don't want to get her in trouble. But, golly gee, I thought I was the one to do the sexual harassing.

—**Honey Bear in Highland Park, Ill.**

**Dear Abby**



**Dear Honey Bear:** Whether or not what "Snuggles" is doing is called sexual harassment, her behavior is not acceptable in a business environment. Using co-workers as a source of, or outlet for, physical affection is inappropriate.

If she persists, you should document the incidents and discuss the matter with your boss, your supervisor, or the person in charge of human resources for your company.

**Dear Abby:** Three of us were recently in Manhattan and found ourselves walking behind a blind woman who used a walking stick.

We didn't know if we should offer to assist her, or if she would have felt offended. There was scaffolding ahead and the front steps of several buildings protruded onto the sidewalk, although she managed to navigate around them without problems. What is considered good manners in a situation like this?

—**Visitors to N.Y.C.**

**Dear Visitors:** It is never offensive to verbally offer assistance to someone. However, a blind person using a cane usually has been trained to "detect" objects that might obstruct his or her path.

The reason I say "verbally" offer assistance is that some people make the mistake of trying to help blind people by taking their arm and trying to propel them. I have been told that if a blind person accepts an offer of help, he or she would prefer to take the arm of the helper rather than vice versa.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to **Dear Abby**, P.O. Box 6940, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can email at [http://www.uepress.com/dearabby](mailto:http://www.uepress.com/dearabby) or Universal Press Syndicate.

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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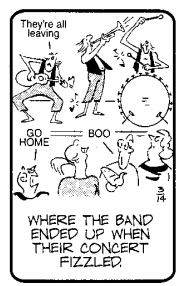
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argiron



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

# Handle past affair with class

**Dear Annie:** Five years ago, I took a painting class. "Raymond," the teacher, was exceptional, and the warm, supportive environment he created allowed me to have a breakthrough that changed not only how I felt about myself, but also about my ability to create art. I am eternally grateful to him.

A year after the class ended, I ran into Raymond at an art gallery. I was thrilled when he offered to look at some of my recent paintings.

While at my house, however, he made a pass at me. I was shocked (he's married), but I admit I allowed things to happen because I was so appreciative of his interest. We had five such meetings over the next two years, until I worked up the courage to end it. Raymond accepted my decision, but continued to stay in touch via phone and e-mail.

Over time, our contact dwindled to a phone call every few

**Annie's Mailbox**



months. It was at this point that his wife, "Lorna," discovered my existence. Raymond told her about our affair, and she called me. I made it very clear that the relationship had been a mistake, and I assured her I would not remain in contact with him. I have abided by that promise, as has he.

Here's the problem: I would like to attend an upcoming art workshop where Raymond will be one of the teachers, but I'm sure Lorna will be there, too.

—**Trying to Move On in New England**

**Dear Trying:** It seems as if you've painted yourself right into a corner. If you insist on attending this particular workshop, you will need to conduct yourself as if nothing is going on — because nothing is. Politely go hello to Raymond and Lorna when you see them, and then keep right on moving.

**Dear Annie:** I am 14. In September, my brother left to go to college, and ever since, there has been no excitement at home. My brother was the clown of the house. He always made me laugh, and I miss him a lot.

I'm fine and full of energy at school, but as soon as I get home, I just look sad. My parents complain that I stay outside all the time, but I don't get why they can't figure out the reason. Every morning I wake up without my brother, it's not a fun day.

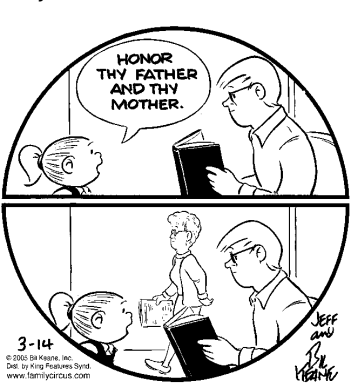
—**Lonely Brother**

**Dear Brother:** It's tough when a sibling leaves home, but there are ways to adjust.

Invite some friends over after school to play games, watch TV, whatever. Your brother isn't so far away that you can't IM or call, and before you know it, he'll be home to visit. This is your chance to be the center of attention.

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## Family Circus



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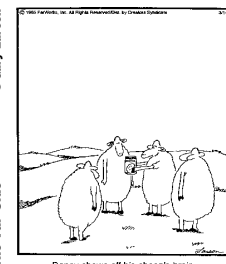


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**The Far Side**



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Dennis shows off his sheep's brain.











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# Yokota boys' soccer team gets off to strong start

Stars and Stripes

Last spring, it seemed that the Yokota boys soccer team's four-year run of success had come to an end. But this week-end, a new crop of players helped the Panthers to a breakout week-end at Sasebo Naval Base.

Junior striker Brandon Bailey scored seven times and sophomore midfielder Stefan Welch scored five goals and assisted on seven as the Panthers won two Japan Soccer League games against host E.J. King and two "friendlies" against Canadian Academy of Kobe.

The start buds were for Yokota, which finished second in the JSL for the first time since it formed and took seventh in the Far East Class AA Tournament ahead of the 11 other second-place finishers.

"We were a little disappointed" with the 2004 season, coach Tim Pujol said, adding that the Panthers "may have been too dependent" on the scoring of Akira "A.J." Host (25 goals) and Karl Gerstner's goalkicking.

"I'm already seeing ... a little more team play and a little less reliance" on one or two stars, Pujol said.

Ten Panthers scored and 10 assisted as Yokota shut out E.J. King 7-0 and 5-0 and beat Canadian Academy 9-3 and 8-0.

"Bronson's broken out really strong, no doubt about it," Pujol said of his third-year starter. "He's got experience, he's gotten stronger, he understands what our team goals are. Stefan did a really great job of finding him. They work really well together."

Also contributing are two play-

## Prep roundup

ers from Pujol's fifth straight Rising Sun Bowl champion football team, Jamal McNeill and D.J. McCarty, the latter returning to the field after skipping the last two springs off.

"D.J. is a good competitor and athlete and he's going to help us. Jamal is strong, so quick. He's the guy who holds everything together back on defense," Pujol said.

A pleasant surprise was the play of sophomore goalkeeper Justin Hudson.

"He's a good athlete, a tough kid and he's really coachable," Pujol said. "And he's caught on so quick and has such natural instincts. When he gets some experience under his belt, he's going to be an asset to this team."

Pujol said he wasn't thinking too far ahead, not with a team laden with freshmen and sophomores who will graduate at Yokota and can improve.

"This is a building concept that's going to go for some time," he said. "We'll be competitive, (but) it's really early in the season. I'm pleased with the team play that I saw, but there's a lot in front of us. Despite all of these, there's a lot of rough edges we have to smooth out and we're going to work hard to make that happen."

## Panthers right-hander Novak stays hot

A day after pitching a five-inning perfect game, Yokota senior right-hander Shawn Novak kept

**Japan baseball**  
**Saturday**  
**Yokota 15,**  
**Matthew C. Perry 0**  
**At Yokota Air Base, Japan**  
Chris Shivers hit two home runs in five runs. Sean Martel added a three-run homer. Gary Goya-two-out hero. The Panthers scored seven runs in the second and fourth innings. Shawn Novak ended his pitching streak to seven perfect innings over two games with 20 strikeouts. The game was called after three innings by coaches' agreement.

**Robert D. Edgren 14,**  
**Matthew C. Perry 4 (3)**  
**At Yokota Air Base, Japan**

The Eagles got their only win in three tries on the weekend, taking advantage of 10 walks and nine wild pitches to score six runs in the third inning and seven in the fourth. Chris Kuse led the Eagles with a two-run single, while Evan Tablan walked four times and stole three bases. Mike Menerado added three runs and stole three bases. He lost the loss for the Samurai. The game was called after five innings due to the Japan League's 10-run mercy rule.

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**Japan boys soccer**  
**Saturday's summaries**  
**Robert D. Edgren 14,**  
**Matthew C. Perry 2 (3)**  
**At Yokota Air Base, Japan**  
**Edgren 2-1-3**  
**Goalkeepers:** Nathan Fine (2), Patrick Seizoulis (2), Perry, Andre Jung (2), Daniel Nasser (1).

**Yokota 5, E.J. King 0**  
**At Sasebo Naval Base, Japan**  
**Yokota 15,**  
**E.J. King 0**  
**At Yokota Air Base, Japan**  
Stefan Welch, Jamal McNeill (2), Akira Host (1), Assists-Yokota, Stefan Welch 2, Bronson Bailey 1.

his hot streak going, striking out all six Matthew C. Perry batters he faced in an abbreviated two-inning start Saturday.

The Panthers beat the Samurai 19-0 in three innings, then defeated Robert D. Edgren 17-1 in a two-inning game called off when the temperature dropped suddenly, from 57 around noon to a wind chill of 43 with a 30-mph wind.

In about 21 hours, Novak threw seven perfect innings and struck out 20 of 21 batters.

## High school soccer

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**At Sasebo Naval Base, Japan**  
**Canadian Academy 0-3-3**  
**Goals:** Yokota, Nick Host 3 (3), Jamal McNeill 2 (2), Bronson Bailey 1 (1), Stefan Welch 1 (1), Andrew Cabral 1 (1), D.J. McCarty 1 (1), Assists-Yokota, Stefan Welch 2, Jamal McNeill 2, D.J. McCarty 1, Chad Evans 1, Nick Host 1.

**E.J. King 1, Canadian Academy 0**  
**At Sasebo Naval Base, Japan**  
**Canadian Academy 0-0-0**  
**E.J. King 1-1-1**  
**Goals:** King, Daniel Gooden 1 (1), David Evans 1 (1), Matt Heltman 1 (1), Brandon Gilbert 1 (1), Assists-E.J. King, Luke Bogen 1, Keith Sampson 1, Sean Ali 1, Daniel Gooden 1, Gooker serves-E.J. King, Matthew Boker 1.

**Friday's summary**  
**Robert D. Edgren 14,**  
**Matthew C. Perry 1**  
**Edgren 1-1-2**  
**Goals:** Edgren, Kristian Mostert 1 (1), Patrick Seizoulis 1 (1), Perry, Andre Jung 1 (1).

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**At Sasebo Naval Base, Japan**  
**Canadian Academy 0-3-3**  
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# Hayes saves UK

## Senior's basket, rebound top LSU; Cats will face Florida in SEC final

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Too much Kentucky. Too much history.

Chuck Hayes spun into the lane to hit the winning shot with 7.9 seconds left in overtime, sending the No. 4 Wildcats to the championship game of the Southeastern Conference tournament with a 79-78 victory over LSU on Saturday.

Brandon Bass hit a miraculous shot for the Tigers as the buzzer sounded in regulation, tying the score 70-70 and forcing overtime.

LSU built a five-point lead in the extra period, but it wasn't enough to hold off the Wildcats and the weight of history.

Kentucky (25-1) will be going for its third straight SEC tournament title, its 11th in 14 years and 26th overall. LSU (20-9) has won it only once, way back in 1980.

Patrick Sparks hit a crucial three-pointer from the corner to spark the Kentucky comeback, which was helped along when LSU's Glen Davis missed two free throws with 39 seconds left. Kelenna Azubuike, who led the Wildcats with 19 points, drew a foul and made the first of two free throws to pull Kentucky to 77-77.

When the second attempt clanked off the rim, Hayes swooped in to grab the offensive rebound.

Kentucky called a timeout and set up a play for its senior leader. The Wildcats worked the ball inside to Hayes, who spun around the 300-pound Davis and banked in a shot with his left hand.

LSU still had time, but Tack Minor drove wildly into the lane and lost the ball while trying to put up a shot. Appropriately, Hayes grabbed it as the horn sounded to send the Wildcats to the title game against Florida.

Once again, the Wildcats will have the record book on their side. The Gators have never won the SEC tournament, losing four times in the final.

Then again, Florida did beat Kentucky in the regular-season finale last weekend, pulling off a 53-52 upset in Gainesville.

**Florida 68, No. 20 Alabama 62:** David Lee scored 20 points, Matt Walsh hit six free throws in the final 17 seconds and the Gators held on to advance to the SEC tournament final for the second straight year. The Gators (22-7) took a 58-51 lead on Walsh's long three-point shot.



Forward Chuck Hayes celebrates Kentucky's 79-78 overtime win over LSU in the SEC tournament.

Alabama (24-7) twice cut the deficit to three points after that, but Lee had a fast-break layup off a pass from Corey Brewer and another drive to the basket in the final minute.

Kennedy Winston's basket in the lane made it 62-59 with 18 seconds left, giving the Crimson Tide one last shot. But Walsh clinched it by hitting six straight free throws. He finished with 17 points.

Anthony Roberson had 13 points and Brewer added 10 for Florida, which has played for the SEC championship five times but never had back-to-back appearances until now.

# Too much Redick as Wolfpack falls

BY KEITH PARSONS

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — So much for J.J. Redick's shooting slump.

The Duke guard carried his team to its seventh consecutive Atlantic Coast Conference tournament final with a spectacular individual effort, making seven three-pointers and scoring 35 points to lead the fifth-ranked Blue Devils past North Carolina State 76-69 Saturday.

A day earlier, Redick missed 11 of his first 12 shots and finished 4-for-17 against Virginia, but his teammates picked up the slack. Their efforts certainly were appreciated in this one, even if Redick needed little help.

He surpassed Ronnie Mayer's school record of 34 points in an ACC tournament game, set in the 1955 semifinals. Redick was the second player to reach that total Saturday; Will Bynum matched it in Georgia Tech's upset of North Carolina in the earlier game, and the Yellow Jackets will play Duke (24-5) in the final, looking for its sixth title in the past seven years.

Shelden Williams added 15 points and Daniel Ewing had 14

for the third-seeded Blue Devils, who held on despite missing six free throws in a row down the stretch.

The Wolfpack (19-13) couldn't take advantage. Illar Evtimov and Engin Atsuz each missed three-point attempts in the final minute that would have cut the deficit to three, and N.C. State was left hoping its spirited effort during the first two days was enough to secure an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.

Freshman Andrew Brackman scored 13 points and Atsuz had 12, but the Wolfpack shot only 33 percent in the second half and were outrebounded 25-14.

And with Redick back on form, Duke was tough to beat. He swished a three-pointer midway through the second half to give the Blue Devils the lead for good, using a screen from Williams that knocked defender Gavin Grant to the floor.

Redick made another jumper from beyond the arc seconds later after Williams and Shavlik Randolph kept the possession alive with offensive rebounds, then answered two free throws by Julius Hodge with his third three-pointer in about 90 seconds to make it 61-55.

# Two misses, one blown chance for Tigers

BY TERESA M. WALKER

The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Memphis freshman Darius Washington slumped to the court, covering his head in anguish over his two missed free throws.

Nobody, not his coach, his teammates or the guy who fouled him, could console him.

Washington missed two of three free throws with no time left on the clock, allowing No. 6 Louisville to escape with a 75-74 victory and the Conference USA championship Saturday.

Even the opposing coach, Rick Pitino, took a moment out of his team's celebration to express compassion for Washington.

"The drama was incredible. What was at stake was enormous, and the whole team feels obviously elated that we won. We all feel bad for Darius Washington," Pitino said. "They wouldn't have been in that situation if not for his spectacular play."

Brad Gianihi hit one of two free throws with 6.7 seconds to give Louisville (29-4) a two-point lead. Washington was fouled by Francisco Garcia while shooting a three-pointer to tie the game. He hit the first, but then bounced the next two off the rim.

Memphis coach John Calipari said Washington looked at him after hitting the first one and indicated that the game was won.

"The second one was da-ding. He's probably off a quarter inch, and he was so stunned that he



Darius Washington hides his head after missing two free throws that would have won the Conference USA tournament title game and a berth in the NCAA tournament. Louisville won the game 75-74.

missed it he looked at me. 'I missed it.' The last one — you think about it, the pressure on him to make that shot — I mean, it's amazing he hit the rim," Calipari said.

Pitino suggested that Washing-

ton probably would have hit all three had the players lined the lane instead of everyone standing behind him, waiting and watching.

Cardinals forward Ellis Myles was at the scorer's table, waiting

to check in for overtime, expecting Washington to hit the third free throw. He kept remembering Dec. 18, when Kentucky's Patrick Sparks hit three free throws to beat the Cardinals.

Then Washington missed the third free throw.

"It's over," Myles said with a grin. "We won. Let's party."

Louisville won its second C-USA tournament title in three years.

The Cardinals will go into their 32nd NCAA tournament on their longest winning streak of the season, with victories in their last nine games and 18 of their last 19. The only loss during that string was to Memphis.

Garcia finished with 19 points, Taquan Dean and Juan Palacios each had 14 and Palacios had 11 rebounds. Larry O'Shaunon finished with 13 for Louisville, including 3-for-3 from three-point range.

The Cardinals shot 51 percent for the game, including 15-for-23 from three-point range.

Washington had to be helped off the court by his teammates and then was being consoled by his mother and friends. He wasn't available for comment.

Calipari said he told his point guard that the Tigers only had a chance to win because of his play down the stretch, scoring eight points in the final 4:52.

"He wants to hear none of that right now," Calipari said.

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# Syracuse facing an unlikely finalist

By IRA PODELL  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mike Gansley's wild reverse layup in the first half looked like a lock to be his craziest shot of the night.

That was before the West Virginia forward was fouled with less than a second left.

Gansley was fouled as he tried to pass in a game-winning layup, then made two free throws with 2 seconds remaining Friday night to give West Virginia a stunning 78-76 victory over 19 Villanova in the semifinals of the Big East tournament.

The Mountaineers (21-9) will face Syracuse on Saturday in an unlikely championship game. West Virginia is the first No. 8 seed to play for the Big East title and will be making its first appearance in the final.

"I would have never imagined this coming into this tournament," Gansley said. "We were trying to hopefully win a game or two to get into the NCAA tournament."

Mission accomplished. No team has won four straight days to capture the Big East crown, but West Virginia will have a chance to do it against the 16th-ranked Oregon (26-6).

Syracuse, the third seed, reached the title game Friday by holding on for a 67-63 victory over No. 12 Connecticut in a matchup of the past two NCAA champions.

Connecticut (22-7) had won 10 straight conference games and even as the second seed was considered the tournament favorite.

"It seemed for a long time there we got to the finals every year," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "I think we took it for granted. It has been a while, but it's nice to be there."

The Orange used some impressive



Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim, who has won three Big East tournament titles, advanced to the championship game for the first time since 1998.

sive defense to take a 32-19 half-time lead and they twice led by 21, the last time at 48-27 on a dunk by Hakim Warrick with 12:47 to play.

Warrick had 26 points and 10 rebounds while Gerry McNamara added 15 points for the Orange, trying to win their fourth championship — first since 1992.

Charlie Villanueva had 18 points and 11 rebounds for the Huskies, who had played in the past three tournament title games.

In the first half against Villanova (22-7), it didn't look like it was going to be another special night for the Mountaineers.

After falling behind 23-13 about 9 minutes in, West Virginia began connecting from long range against the conference's best defenders beyond the arc.

The Mountaineers made five threes during a 29-8 run that gave them a lead they didn't relinquish until Villanova went ahead 74-73 with 30.7 seconds remaining.

Randy Foye, who led Villanova with 22 points, scored in the lane with 10 seconds to play to tie the game at 76. West Virginia didn't call a timeout and Patrick Beilein — the coach's son — let fly from the right side with about 4 seconds left. Gansley grabbed the loose ball, went up and hit the bottom of the backboard. The ball came right back to him and he was fouled by Allan Ray.

# Illinois to take on Wisconsin

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Illinois had its 14-point lead shaved to two with six minutes to go. But the top-ranked Illinois weren't going to let this game slip away.

They wouldn't add a loss to coach Bruce Weber's tragic week-end.

Illinois (31-1) held Minnesota without a field goal for the final 4:05 on the way to a 64-56 victory Saturday and a trip to the Big Ten tournament championship game for the third straight season. The Illini tied a school record for victories, matching the 1988-89 team that went to Final Four.

Weber coached the game less than 24 hours after his mother, 81-year-old Dawn Weber, died after emergency heart surgery. He said there was never any doubt in his mind that he would be on the sideline.

"I'm proud of the kids and happy to be back in the championship game," Weber said. "I don't want to be the story. The kids have got to be the story."

The Illini wore black bands on

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their jerseys in memory of Dawn Weber, and the emotional drama showed early in what became a somewhat sloppy performance. They committed a season-high 23 turnovers and shot just 36 percent from the field.

"We were probably feeling a little too emotional," said Luther Head, who led five Illini in double figures with 14 points. "We're feeling the same way he's feeling."

The Illini got going midway through the first half and took a 14-13 lead on the first of Head's four three-pointers. They used a 14-0 run to turn an 13-8 deficit into a 22-13 lead.

Illinois led 30-26 at halftime and looked to be in control with 12:04 to go after Head's fourth roof-raising three-pointer put the Illini ahead 49-35.

But Illinois missed its next four shots and committed three turnovers, and the Gophers went on a 16-4 run. Vincent Grier and Aaron Robinson scored all 16 points.

But Roger Powell Jr. converted a three-point play that pushed the Illini lead back to five, and the Gophers managed just three free throws down the stretch. Grier led the Gophers (21-10) with 24 points.

In Saturday's other semifinal:

**No. 23 Wisconsin 59, Iowa 56:** Alando Tucker based in a running three-pointer just before the buzzer as the Badgers (22-7) stunned the Hawkeyes.

With 3.7 seconds to play, Tucker took an inbound pass from Zach Morley, raced up the right side of the court just in front of Adam Haluska and let it fly.

Greg Brunner tied it with 3.7 seconds to go for Iowa (21-11) when he followed in a miss by Haluska on a three-point attempt.

Wisconsin's Mike Wilkerson, saddled with foul problems, hit two baskets in the final 18, including a jumper that put the Badgers ahead 56-54 with 32 seconds to go.

Iowa set up a last shot with Jeff Horner firing a pass to a wide-open Haluska in the corner. His three-point attempt missed and Brunner was there to put it back in, tying the game at 56.

# Texas Tech takes out Oklahoma

By STEVE BREISENDE

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Bob Knight hates conference tournaments.

Always has, swears he always will.

This time, though, he'll be despising the Big 12 tournament finals from Texas Tech's bench.

Knight's Red Raiders are in the title game for the first time in the conference's nine-year history, after beating No. 9 Oklahoma 69-63 on Saturday.

"There's no greater opponent of postseason conference tournaments than I am, nor will there ever be," Knight said. "But it's here to be played, and we played right from the very beginning."

Ronald Ross scored 28 points and Jarriss Jackson added 22 for the fourth-seeded Red Raiders, who led by as many as 11 in the second half before top-seeded Oklahoma (24-7) made a late run.

Jaeson Williams tracked down an offensive rebound and hit a

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three-pointer from the corner, pulling the Sooners within 64-61 with 38.5 seconds to go. Oklahoma scored only once more, though, on Terrell Everett's layup with 7.7 seconds to go, and Texas Tech (20-9) sealed the win by hitting five of eight free throws down the stretch.

"They out-toughed us today," Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said. "We'll get it back."

The Red Raiders will meet the winner of Saturday's second semifinal between No. 9 Kansas and No. 10 Oklahoma State. The Sooners will find out their draw in the NCAA tournament.

"We'll take Sunday off and probably Monday, too, Sampson said. "But we're going to get excited about next week."

The Sooners, three-time Big 12 tournament champions and the regular-season co-champions, were denied their sixth trip to the title game.

The Red Raiders drew 27 fouls and shot 24-for-33 from the line, compared to Oklahoma's 11-for-19. Ross hit 10 of 11 free throws.

Devonne Giles had 11 rebounds, nine on the defensive end, for Texas Tech. The Red Raiders gave up 10 offensive rebounds in the first half — but only two in the second.

"I mentioned — I think rather subtly — that if anybody gave up an offensive rebound in the second half they'd be shot," Knight said. "The message seemed to get through, and I didn't have to shoot anybody."

Ross, a former walk-on who played his way into a spot on the All-Big 12 first team in his senior season, scored 12 points in a 16-4 run that gave Texas Tech a 56-45 lead with just over 5 minutes left, and Oklahoma never led.

Everett led the Sooners with 15 points. Kevin Bookout added 12 points and eight rebounds — but had only two points and one rebound after halftime.

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# Wildcats, Huskies battle for crown

By BETH HARRIS  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Arizona and Washington are similar in many ways, except for how they team together for the Pac-10 tournament final.

The No. 8 Wildcats won their two games by a combined 56 points. The 14th-ranked Huskies earned two victories by a total of eight.

They'll meet in Saturday's championship game at Staples Center, with the winner earning the conference's automatic NCAA bid. The runner-up is assured of a spot in the NAACAs, too.

"I know Arizona has been a team that has been at the top or near the top of this conference for a long, long time," Washington coach Lorenzo Roman said. "You aspire to be the best. We've had some good battles in the last few years."

The top-seeded Wildcats (27-5) cruised past fifth-seeded Oregon State 90-59 in Friday's semifinal. The second-seeded Huskies (26-5), who have won six of their past seven games, defeated third-seeded Stanford 66-63.

Arizona had five players in double figures and used a 12-0 run at the start of the second half to blow out the Beavers (18-14) and advance to its fifth final appearance in eight years.

"It was hoping we'd get an opportunity to play three games because I thought it would get us ready for next week," said coach Lute Olson, who believes



Arizona's Channing Frye has made 89.5 percent of his field goal attempts in two tournament games.

Arizona has a chance to get a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament. "We'll try to get the Pony Express going to get the word out East that we played well."

Channing Frye led the Wildcats with 17 points. The senior has shot 89.5 percent in two tournament games. Arizona has a record four Pac-10 tournament titles and its 15-3 tournament record is the league's best. The Wildcats' 31-point winning margin set a tournament record, breaking its own mark of 26 points against Oregon State in the 1988 title game.

Bobby Jones scored 12 of his 14 points in the second half and Nate Robinson added 14 points for the Huskies against Stanford.

The Cardinal (18-12) beat Washington last Saturday, spoiling the Huskies' bid to earn a share of the regular-season title for the first time in 20 years.

"We knew they took something from us last week," Jones said. "We can make up for it by winning the championship."

# St. Joseph's, GW to face off in final

The Associated Press

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CINCINNATI — Pat Carroll scored a career-high 30 points Friday night, including a decisive three-point shot with a minute left, and Saint Joseph's held off Xavier 73-68 to advance to the Atlantic 10 tournament title game.

The top-seeded Hawks (19-10) relied on the conference's co-Player of the Year to keep them in the running for their first tournament championship since 1997. Carroll had 20 points in the first half and made seven of 11 shots from behind the three-point arc.

Carroll's left-handed shot from the right corner with a minute to go ended a comeback by Xavier (17-12), which cut a nine-point deficit to 64-63 with 1:28 remaining. Both defenses had trouble keeping up in a furious first half — six ties, six lead changes. Center Will Caudle steadied Xavier inside, scoring 12 points of his 14 points. Carroll paced the Hawks by eluding defenders, darting off picks and hitting his first five shots, four of them from behind the arc.

Dedrick Finn's three-pointer — his first basket after seven misses — cut the Hawks' lead 61-58 with

4:26 left, leaving the outcome in Carroll's hands. He shot an air ball on a three-pointer with 1:57 to go, and Josh Duncan's free throw with 1:40 left within 64-63. Carroll then hit the three from the right corner.

George Washington 77, Temple 58; J.R. Pinnock scored 16 points to lead the Colonials (21-7) into the title game, which it lost in 1991 and 1998.

The Colonials' 15-1 run midway through the second half doomed Temple (16-13), who now must deal with the fallout of Hall of Fame coach John Chaney's actions. The tournament was suspended for ongoing Nehemiah Ingram — a reserve he called "a goon" — to get rough in a Feb. 22 game against Saint Joseph's. Ingram had a vicious foul on Saint Joseph's senior forward John Bryant that broke his arm.

Maryland defeated Temple with 18 points. Mardy Collins led the Owls' leading scorer at 18 points per game, finished with only six.

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### America East

Championship Saturday

Vermont 80, Northeastern 57

### Atlantic Coast

Friday

North Carolina 78, Clemson 81  
Georgia Tech 73, Virginia Tech 54  
N.C. State 81, Wake Forest 65  
Duke 76, Virginia 64

Saturday

Georgia Tech 78, North Carolina 75  
Duke 76, N.C. State 69  
Georgia Tech vs. Duke

### Atlantic 10

Friday

Saint Joseph's 73, Xavier 64  
George Washington 77, Temple 58

Championship Saturday

Saint Joseph's vs. George Washington

### Big East

Friday

West Virginia 78, Villanova 76  
Syracuse 67, Connecticut 63  
Wisconsin 60, Ohio State 59

Saturday

West Virginia vs. Syracuse

### Big Ten

Friday

Illinois 68, Northwestern 51  
Penn State 71, Indiana 54  
Iowa 71, Michigan State 69  
Wisconsin 60, Ohio State 59

Saturday

Illinois 64, Minnesota 56  
Wisconsin 59, Iowa 56

Sunday

Illinois vs. Wisconsin

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Friday

Oklahoma 83, Missouri 79  
Texas Tech 64, Iowa State 56  
Kansas 80, Kansas State 67  
Oklahoma State 87, Colorado 85

Saturday

Texas Tech 69, Oklahoma 63  
Kansas vs. Oklahoma State

Sunday

Texas Tech vs. Kansas/Oklahoma State

### Big West

Friday

Pacific 63, Cal State Northridge 61  
Utah State 84, Cal State Fullerton 77

Championship Saturday

Pacific vs. Utah State

### Conference USA

Friday

Louisville 74, Alabama-Birmingham 64  
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Championship Saturday

Louisville 75, Memphis 74

### Mid-American

Friday

Ohio 63, Miami (Ohio) 56  
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Championship Saturday

Ohio vs. Buffalo

### Mid-Eastern Athletic

Friday

Delaware St. 61, South Carolina St. 48  
Hampton 62, Coppin State 26

Saturday

Delaware State 55, Hampton 53

### Mountain West

Friday

Utah 73, UNLV 67  
New Mexico 77, San Diego State 67

Championship Saturday

Utah vs. New Mexico

### Pacific-10

Friday

Arizona 90, Oregon State 59  
Washington 66, Stanford 63

Championship Saturday

Arizona vs. Washington

### Patriot League

Championship Friday

Bucknell 61, Holy Cross 57

### Southeastern

Friday

Alabama 66, Mississippi 52  
Florida 80, Mississippi State 64  
Kentucky 79, LSU 67  
LSU 89, Auburn 58

Saturday

Florida 68, Alabama 62  
Kentucky 79, LSU 67

Sunday

Florida vs. Kentucky

### Southland

Championship Sunday

SE Louisiana at Northwestern State

### Southwestern Athletic

Friday

Alabama State 54, Southern U. 50  
Alabama A&M 74, Jackson State 56

Championship Saturday

Alabama State vs. Alabama A&M

### Western Athletic

Friday

Texas-El Paso 85, Rice 78  
Boise State 85, New Mexico State 65

Championship Saturday

Texas-El Paso vs. Boise State

# Vermont, Bucknell win titles

The Associated Press

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Taylor Coppentrash scored 37 points Saturday to lead Vermont to an 80-57 victory over Northeastern for its third straight America East Conference title and NCAA tournament berth.

Hermest led Northeastern star Jose Juan Barea to 14 points before he left early in the second half with an ankle injury.

Vermont, which led 48-34 at halftime, shot 54 percent from the floor and 41 percent from three-point range. Northeastern, which has won the conference tournament a league-best seven times, shot 36 percent.

## Mid-Eastern Athletic

Delaware St. 55, Hampton 53: At Richmond, Va., Aaron Williams made a 10-foot shot with 2 seconds left in the title game to boost the Hornets (19-13) to their first NCAA tournament berth.

The Hornets trailed for most of the game, but Jahshia Blunt's three-pointer tied it 53-53 with 1:08 left, and Williams collected a loose ball and swished his shot to cap the comeback against Hampton (17-13).

On Friday:

## Patriot League

Bucknell 61, Holy Cross 57: At Worcester, Mass., Kevin Bettencourt made two free throws with 8 seconds left as Bucknell (22-9) held on to beat regular-season champion Holy Cross (24-6) in the tournament final after blowing most of a 20-point lead.

Bucknell led 33-13 in the first half but Holy Cross closed to 39-57 with 38 seconds left. Holy Cross' Kevin Hamilton missed a tying basket and Bettencourt was fouled on the rebound. The Bison will make their first

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appearance in the NCAA tournament since 1989.

## Big West

No. 18 Pacific 63, CS Northridge 61: At Anaheim, Calif., Tyler Newton made two free throws with 22 seconds left, and Guillaume Yango had 15 points and eight rebounds to help the top-seeded Tigers (26-2) win their 22nd straight game — the longest streak in the nation — and extend their Big West winning streak to 34 games.

The fourth-seeded Matadors (17-13) overcame a 12-point deficit in the second half and led 61-60 with a minute to play.

Utah St. 84, Cal St.-Fullerton 77: Nate Harris and Cass Mathews each scored 21 points to lead the second-seeded Aggies (23-7) over the third-seeded Titans (19-10).

## Western Athletic

UTEP 85, Rice 77: At Reno, Nev., Omar Thomas scored 29 of his 31 points in the second half, and Giovanni St. Amant added 15 points on five three-pointers for the second-seeded Miners (26-7), who won their sixth straight game. Michael Harris scored 19 points for third-seeded Rice (19-11), which had won six in a row, but fell by four with less than 12 minutes left.

Boise St. 86, Fresno St. 85: Jason Ellis scored 25 points and Coby Karl made two game-winning free throws with 8 seconds left as the eighth-seeded Broncos (16-17) continued their improbable run. JaVance Coleman had 26 points for the Bulldogs (16-14).

## Mountain West

No. 15 Utah 73, UNLV 67: At Denver, Andrew Bogut had 25 points and 12 rebounds, and defending tournament champion Utah (24-10) blew a 22-point lead in a semifinal game. Utah (27-4) led UNLV (16-13) to two points during a 7-minute span to go up by 14 points in the first half, then opened the second with a 10-2 run that made it 42-20.

New Mexico 77, San Diego St. 67: Danny Granger had 22 points and 14 rebounds and they secured straight brilliant games for the sixth-seeded Aztecs (11-18).

## Mid-American

Buffalo 75, W. Michigan 68: At Cleveland, Yassin Idhisi scored 17 points to lead the seventh-seeded Bulls (22-8) into the conference championship game for the first time. Buffalo became a Division I school in 1991. Third-seeded Western Michigan (19-12) failed in its attempt to become the first repeat champion since Kent State in 2002.

Ohio 63, Miami (Ohio) 56: Sonny Troutman scored 19 points and made three three-pointers in the second half to help the fourth-seeded Bobcats (20-10) reach the title game for the first time since 1994. Nathan Penny scored 15 points for Miami (19-10).

## Southwestern Athletic

Alabama St. 54, Southern U. 50: At Birmingham, Ala., Kevin Spicer had 14 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Hornets (15-14) and into the title game against Alabama A&M (17-13).

# Miller first U.S. skier to win World Cup overall since '83

BY ERICA BULMAN

The Associated Press

LENZERHEIDE, Switzerland — Bode Miller had the perfect reply — to the fans who cover their eyes when he roars down the course, to the coaches who grit their teeth at his Bode-knows-best attitude, to the ski executives exasperated by this Alpine rebel.

He won skiing's most valuable prize Saturday: the World Cup overall title.

The skier who grew up in a cabin without running water or electricity deep in the New Hampshire forests became the first American skier to capture the overall since Phil Mahre and Tamara McKinney in 1983.

"I've gone from being a kid everyone made fun of, to a World Cup racer who could never finish, to the skier who can't lose, but the overall just crumbled at the end of the season. Then this," he said. "There's been a lot of progression that I look back on with pride."

He claimed the overall crown by finishing ahead of his only remaining challenger, Austria's Benjamin Raich, in the season's final slalom. Raich's only chance was to win and hope Miller finished outside the top 15.

Austria's Stephan Georgl won with a two-run time of 2 minutes, 10.51 seconds. Miller was 0.68 second behind, with Raich third, 0.80 back.



With his second-place finish in Saturday's giant slalom race, Bode Miller became the first U.S. skier to win the World Cup overall title since Phil Mahre and Tamara McKinney did it 22 years ago.

Miller knew the overall title was within his reach the past four years. He finished the season fourth in 2002, runner-up in 2003 and fourth again last year.

"It's been a bit embarrassing it's taken so long," he said.

"It was getting a bit like the Red Sox. It was a bit embarrassing because it was like a curse."

Miller was not the only American enjoying a big day on the slopes. Sarah Schleier recorded her first career World Cup victory, winning the season's final slalom in which Janica Kostelic of

Croatia finished second to close in on overall leader Anja Paerson of Sweden. Nicole Hosp of Austria was third.

Miller holds a 204-point lead over Raich, with only 100 points up for grabs in Sunday's slalom finale. Raich took the giant slalom title, finishing three points ahead of Miller, the defending champion in that discipline. Raich also was the season's slalom champ.

"Bode clearly showed us he's one of the greatest U.S. skiers ever, one of the greatest skiers in the history of the sport," U.S.

men's coach Phil McNichol said. "His flare, his artistry down the mountain, his grace and full gas approach is exciting and captivating."

"It's taken this long because he's a nonconformist," he added.

"He's someone who learns through doing, experimenting and executing, not learning through someone else."

The 27-year-old Miller bedevils as much as he dazzles. His recoveries on the course are breathtaking. His conduct with his coaches can be adolescent. His exchanges with reporters are often one minute, withering the next.

Early on, Miller was intent on squeezing speed out of every opportunity. His all-or-nothing style left him crashing as often as finishing. He has come a long way.

After switching ski brands this summer, he won six of the first 10 races this season. He won the night slalom in Italy on Dec. 13.

He earned victories in all four disciplines — slalom, giant slalom, super-G and downhill — in a record 16 days.

However, that was his last World Cup victory for almost three months, until won Friday's final super-G. This season, he also failed to finish seven of eight slaloms, previously one of the season's top scorers in 400-point lead over Raich in mid-December. Miller was down to 52 entering the finals.

Mahre, a three-time overall champion from 1981-83, was baffled.

"How can you have a 400-point lead then disappear off the face of the earth?" he asked. "The guy has so much talent and just throws it away."

But Miller was never taught to be like others. He was home schooled until the third grade. He began skiing at age 3, competing at 11. He now travels the European circuit in an RV.

"I stopped being more of a father and treated him more as an equal from a very early age," said his father, Woody Miller, who traveled to the finals with several other family members to cheer.

His son loved to experiment on the course, tinkering with his technique and equipment. He would stuff energy bars into the heels of his boots to thrust himself forward, all in the hope of going faster.

Even now, Miller is exploring new territory. Unhappy with a crowded World Cup schedule that leaves little time for leisure, Miller talks about launching his own rival tour.

"He's a kind of revolutionary against the whole society and that's exactly what the kids like," said Gian Franco Kasper, president of the international ski federation. "He's a gypsy in a caravan."

"I don't agree with him like when he says we should have races but more fun and entertainment, more parties, fewer races," he added. "But Bode is special and it's good like this. He is a PR instrument for international skiing."

## Heels: Confident Tech reaches ACC final

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The Tar Heels will likely be a No. 1 seed in that tournament, too. McCants and Raymond Felon had 17 points apiece for North Carolina, which came in with an eight-game winning streak.

Luke Schenscher had 15 points and 10 rebounds for Georgia Tech, which lost in the second round of the ACC tournament last year but advanced to the national championship game. Their success this weekend has assured the Yellow Jackets of a return trip to the NCAA tournament.

"We still think of ourselves as one of the best teams in the nation," Schenscher said. "We wanted to come out here and prove it in the tournament. We're doing that so far."

Down 42-36 at the break, North Carolina rode the play of the suddenly aggressive May to get back into it. The 6-foot-9 center opened the second half with a layup after battling Luke Schenscher under the basket, then added a layup and jumper off the glass during a 9-4 spurt that got the Tar Heels to 46-45.

Minutes later, May made a tip-in and a 5-foot hook shot put North Carolina up 51-50, its first lead since 18-17. Bynum then scored 11 of Tech's next 15 points to make it 65-60, and the Yellow Jackets maintained their tenuous lead to the finish.

Bynum, who scored 23 in the second half, finished 10-for-10 from the field and 10-for-12 at the line. He also made four of his 10 attempts from beyond the three-point line.

"Once I made my first three, I pretty much felt good the rest of the way," he said. "It opened for me driving to the hole."

There were three ties and three lead changes in the opening seven minutes, a strong indication that this would be a closer game than when the teams met in January. On that day, North Carolina built a 16-point halftime lead and cruised to a 91-69 victory.

The rematch was no mismatch.

## Sorlie first to Eagle Island in Iditarod

The Associated Press

EAGLE ISLAND, Alaska — Robert Sorlie breezed through Grayling at night and pushed on 60 miles to be first into this Yukon River town at midday Saturday.

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Sorlie, of Hurdal, Norway, "is moving out," race spokesman Chas St. George said. "He has no mandates [rest stops] left and he's moving up the trail."

From Eagle Island to the finish at Nome is 368 miles, about one-third of the 1,100-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. The race was winding up its sixth day Saturday.

DeeDee Jonrowe reached Grayling about 15 minutes ahead of Sorlie, but stopped to take her mandatory eight-hour break. She was one of six mushers strung out between Grayling and Eagle Island at midday.

Sorlie won in 2003 and was rookie of the year in '02, finishing in the top 10. Among the 10 leaders, two — Lance Mackey and John Baker — were still at Grayling in the early afternoon after pre-dawn arrivals — both apparently putting in their eight-hour layovers.

Friday's front-runner, Paul Gebhardt, took his 24-hour layover one checkpoint back at Anvik and dropped to 14th place early Saturday. He reached Grayling late Saturday morning. He and Jessie Royer, 13th place, still had to put in eight-hour layovers, as did 15th-place musher Tim Osmar.

All the mushers ahead of them already had their eight-hour breaks. All teams still in the race have completed

the 24-hour break.

### High Limit wins La. Derby

NEW ORLEANS — High Limit delivered an amazing performance after a long layoff, taking the lead early and cruising to victory in the Louisiana Derby on Saturday.

Without a race in 138 days and moving into stakes company for the first time, High Limit toyed with eight rivals and gave trainer Bobby Frankel a legitimate contender for the Kentucky Derby in two months.

### Vikings sign safety Sharper to four-year deal

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Vikings signed veteran safety Darren Sharper to a four-year contract on Saturday.

Sharper, cut by the Green Bay Packers in a cost-cutting move earlier this season, started at free safety the past six seasons and ranks fifth in team history with 36 interceptions. He led the team with four interceptions last year and scored three defensive touchdowns.

The Packers tried to get Sharper to restructure his deal, but he refused, hoping he could make more on the open market than the approximately \$2 million Green Bay was offering for 2005.

### Red Sox's Schilling doubtful for opener against Yankees

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Boston Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling on Friday threw to bat for the first time since the World Series but said he's unlikely to make the Opening Day start against the New York Yankees as he continues

to rehabilitate his surgically repaired ankle.

Schilling had surgery on Nov. 9 to repair a ruptured tendon sheath on his right ankle.

Flu that left him bedridden earlier this week set back his rehabilitation timetable.

### Lawyer: Canseco immunity request being considered

NEW YORK — Jose Canseco's request for immunity when he testifies in a congressional hearing on steroids next week is being considered by the Justice Department, according to the former AL MVP's lawyer.

Robert Sauanoque, who represents Canseco, said he spoke Friday at length with a staff lawyer of the House Government Reform Committee about the immunity request. Sauanoque said Canseco would be able to answer more questions if he got the immunity for the March 17 hearing.

"It's with the Justice Department," Sauanoque said.

### Stenson shoots 66 for two-stroke lead in Qatar

DOHA, Qatar — Henrik Stenson of Sweden shot a 6-under 66 on Saturday at the Qatar Masters to take a two-stroke lead over Nicolas Faeth and Richard Green, while Ernie Els was five strokes behind.

### Wetterlich leads Janzen in Honda

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Brett Wetterlich shot his second straight 6-under 66 to take a one-stroke lead over two-time U.S. Open champion Lee Janzen after the second round of the Honda Classic.

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# Ga. Tech makes Heels walk

Bynum's 35 points  
push No. 5 seed past  
ACC tourney favorite

BY DAVID GINSBURG  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rashad McCants followed his North Carolina teammates through the tunnel toward the locker room, wearing a stunned look while biting the front of his white jersey.

The second-ranked Tar Heels had just lost 78-75 to Georgia Tech in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament semifinals Saturday after McCants missed a three-pointer that would have forced overtime.

The North Carolina guard let out a groan and let the jersey fall from his teeth.

"You know," he said with a sigh, "that was supposed to go in."

The top-seeded Tar Heels were supposed to win their first ACC title since 1998, but that didn't happen, either.

Will Bynum scored a career-high 35 points and the fifth-seeded Yellow Jackets advanced to the ACC championship game with a stunning upset of the league's regular-season champion.

Did somebody say upset?

"This was no upset out here today. I want to make that point clear," Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt said. "These are two great teams, and our team, being a team that I think has accomplished a lot at big moments ... to be written off was kind of amusing to me."

After Bynum capped his magnificent performance by making two foul shots with nine seconds left, McCants' three-point try bounced off the front of the rim and into the waiting arms of Tech's Jarred Jack, who clutched the ball until time expired.

The Yellow Jackets celebrated, but with a good measure of restraint.

"It's not a surprise, it's not a shock to us," Jack said. "We knew we could come in here and compete with any team in our conference, as well as any team in the country."



Georgia Tech's Luke Schenscher, left, celebrates the Yellow Jackets' 78-75 victory with Anthony Morrow on Saturday. Georgia Tech (19-10), last year's national runner-up, entered the ACC tournament as a bubble team but will vie for its first tournament championship in 12 years.

Thanks to Bynum, whose 35 points is the most by a Georgia Tech player in the ACC tournament, surpassing the 33 by Mark Price against Virginia in 1983.

"It was big, but I would rather have scored two and won anyway," the teary-eyed Bynum

said during the postgame news conference. "As long as we get the win, that's what counts."

At that point, Hewitt interjected: "It was fun watching the 35, I'll tell you."

Georgia Tech, which lost to North Carolina by 22 during the regular season, will play for the league title Sunday against Duke, which beat North Carolina State 76-69.

The Yellow Jackets (19-10) will compete in the championship game for the first time since 1996 and will be seeking their first ACC crown in 12 years.

North Carolina (27-4) will head home after finishing alone atop the regular-season standings for the first time since 1993. No team has won more ACC titles than the Tar Heels (15), but North Carolina has gone seven years without one.

"I think we got fat and happy. We just didn't get the job done," said center Sean May, who had 17 points and 11 rebounds. "The good thing is we have a few days before the NCAA tournament to get things going again."

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Coach Roy Williams saw the Tar Heels' ACC tournament title drought extended to seven years.



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